

ABSOLUTE RATING: Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 36. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Average	Below Average
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	51.2	52.0	64.5	58.3	62.4	62.6
• Passed 2 subtests	23.5	22.9	15.7	20.7	18.8	19.0
• Passed 1 subtest	13.6	16.0	12.0	12.9	12.1	11.2
• Passed no subtests	11.7	9.1	7.8	8.1	6.7	7.2

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	16.7%	15.0%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	16.7%	15.9%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	39.1%	42.7%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	90.3%	16.7%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	75.0%	N/A	
Students without disabilities	91.5%	16.7%	
Gender			
Male	84.9%	13.6%	
Female	95.7%	19.4%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	81.4%	3.3%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	96.3%	27.3%	
Other	100.0%	0.0%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	83.0%	3.0%	
Pay for lunch	94.4%	21.0%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	47.1%
Completers placed	91.0%
Eligible students enrolled	73.9%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,768	N/A	\$5,718	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	88.1%	Down from 89.8%	89.5%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	27.6 to 1	N/A	24.0 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=850)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	82.4%	N/A	31.9%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 95.6%	95.0%	95.3%
• Retention rate	5.5%	Down from 6.3%	10.9%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=52)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.7 Days	Up from 7.5	7.7 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	94.9%	Down from 95.5%	95.6%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	42.3%	Down from 50.0%	45.4%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	88.5%	Down from 89.8%	81.4%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	5.8%	Up from 0.0%	3.4%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	86.5%	Up from 85.0%	84.5%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,264	Up 6.3%	\$37,205	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	3.8%	Up from 2.2%	3.6%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	63.6%	N/A	56.1%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	1.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	61.2%	N/A	61.0%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	4.8%	Down from 6.8%	10.7%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	8	N/A	27	29
• Gifted and talented	0.0%	Down from 12.1%	6.8%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	15.3%	Up from 12.6%	12.1%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	9.2%	N/A	6.7%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	628	N/A	411	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	72.6%	N/A	28.7%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has really been a good year at Cheraw High School. Our students showed improvement academically, artistically and athletically. Among our accomplishments are the following:

Forty-three students were inducted into the National Honor Society. The average SAT score increased 13 points from 931 to 944. Seniors were offered more than \$672,000 in scholarships. Three seniors were named Palmetto Fellows by the State Department of Education. One senior was named a South Carolina Teaching Fellow. One senior was recognized as 2A State Wrestler-of-the-Year for 2001 (He is also a three-time state champion in wrestling). One student was recognized as a state winner in track in the long jump. Twenty-three seniors qualified for the LIFE Scholarship. These students scored 1050 or better on the SAT or 22 or better on the ACT and had a 3.0 or better cumulative GPR. Marine ROTC was added to our curriculum. Our Academic Bowl Team went undefeated in winning the district competition. The SAT team won the Region for the third year in a row. Our Energy Team, led by Mrs. Brenda Hough, finished in second place at the State Challenge. They competed with 15 teams and won a total of \$1,250 for the school and CD players for themselves.

We are proud of the cross-curriculum teaching effort between Art (Jennifer Rayfield) and Black History (Gail Ingram) in presenting a state-recognized Black History Exhibit. Gail Ingram is also a finalist for National History Teacher of Merit Award, which is given to a teacher for outstanding success in teaching history.

We are also proud of the job Gail Ingram has done with the National History competition. Two students competed in the National History Day Finals held in Washington D. C.

All efforts at Cheraw High School are geared toward preparing our students for success in the future. However, it is only through hard work and dedication by our faculty, staff and students, as well as the support of parents and the community, that this goal can be achieved.

Principal Henry Cobb

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	73.0	58.4	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	83.8	64.4	
Satisfied with home-school relations	58.3	74.8	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 850 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Average



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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